

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please cancel the Abstract section of the specification and replace with the following:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A muffler for an internal combustion engine of a vehicle has a housing with at least one gas pipe terminating in the housing and at least one valve whose closure element closes the end of the pipe. The closure element is a disk that is seated on a guide rod that is guided in a guide sleeve. The guide rod, on which the closure element is mounted, slides within the guide sleeve to move the closure element at elevated gas pressures. A spring is positioned in a valve housing that is gastight and connected in a gastight manner to the muffler housing. The valve disk opens the valve when the force of the pressure in the gas pipe exceeds the force of the spring.